

Pinos Altos Mutual Domestic Water Consumer Association
Annual Membership Meeting
Wednesday September 20, 2023
Pinos Altos Fire Station

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Tom Gedgaudas

Board members in attendance were: Tom Gedgaudas, President; Allan Phillips, Vice President; Becky Dinwiddie, Treasurer; Gary Geisler, Secretary and Gabriel Preusch, Member at Large.

April Matthews, Bookkeeper was in attendance. Ann Estensen, Kris Wamsley, Alma Wilson, Jeri Bibles, Bruce Knoles, John Dagers, and Mark Johnson were also in attendance.

A quorum was proven.

Notice of meeting and agenda were posted at the Fire House and on the PAMDWCA website on September 6, 2023, which was fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Notice of the meeting was also listed on all association members September water bill.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Gary read the minutes from the September 14, 2022 annual meeting and they were approved unanimously after a correction on the spelling of Ann Estensen's name. The secretary apologizes for that error.

Reports of Officers & Committees:

President's Report:

Tom started his report by acknowledging the work and years spent serving the board by Becky and Allan, who will be missed tremendously. He then reported that the monthly and annual testing results were all fine in the past year and within the standards set by the NMED. He did point out that we had an issue with our HAAA test in June of last year as it was not submitted in time. We paid for another test and submitted that, which was accepted by the state. Tom spoke to the amnesty plan that the board approved for any member with more than one residence serviced by the same meter. He also spoke to the exemption put into place in 2008 for multiple residences connected to one meter. Tom spoke to the confusion between residential versus commercial accounts that the board dealt with in the prior year. He also addressed the lawsuit that has been finally settled. The board felt that the members water usage and account information was private but the judge ruled that this information is public information. In February, the board turned over every association member's account information and water usage for 2018-2019. Per that judge's ruling the board had to pay statutory damages to the plaintiff and the plaintiff's attorney costs. The total paid to the plaintiff was \$7379. The board is waiting on the final bill from our attorney.

Vice President's Report:

Allan reported on the numerous water line leaks in the past year. Just in the past two months there have been four leaks that needed repaired. Most of the leaks in the past year are in the service lines that run from the main lines to the member's meter. These lines are over thirty years old and need to be replaced by PEX lines. Allan suggested that sometime in the future that board will need to look at replacing all service lines that have not already been replaced due to leaks.

Treasurer's Report:

Becky spoke about the payroll software program put in place in the past year and the learning curve for her and April. Becky reported that with the increase in the admin fee in the past year, our bottom line is closer to breaking even. Becky talked about April doing a lot of the reporting that she would normally be doing, but since Becky is leaving, she has been training April to handle much of the reports she would do.

Secretary's Report:

Gary spoke about the Open Meeting Act Resolution which was approved in January. This resolution must be approved each year. He spoke about the Member Accountability Report which was filed with the NMED in May. It is due each year on July 1st. Gary spoke about the draft meeting minutes being completed and posted to the website usually in 6-7 days after a board meeting. This meets the criteria establish in the New Mexico Open Meeting Act and our resolution which requires they be post within 10 days of the meeting. Gary spoke to the meeting agendas and notices being posted on the website and at the fire hall within the timeframe set up in the Open Meeting Act. Gary reported that the number of active connections report was sent to the city April 1st of the past year and the number of new connections was sent to the city on July 1st.

Bookkeeper's Report:

April talked about doing more reports and learning more about what Becky would do. She spoke about collecting for the water used by the Forest Services to battle the two fires close to us in the past year. A lot of paperwork is involved and she learned a lot about it. She spoke to the daily items she deals with as the bookkeeper.

Committee Reports:

No reports

Elections of Directors:

The terms of three directors were expiring. Becky Dinwiddie, Allan Phillips, and Gary Geisler. Becky and Allan do not wish to serve another term. Gary is willing to serve another term if nominated. Kris Wamsley, Alma Wilson, and Gary Geisler were each nominated to serve a two-year term on the board. All three were elected to the board unanimously by the members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm

**Minutes prepared by Gary Geisler on September 23, 2023. E Mailed to board on September 23, 2023.
Draft minutes were posted to website for public viewing on September 27, 2023.**